

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A vehicular air bag device, comprising:  
an air bag body;  
an air bag lid portion;  
a hinge portion; and  
a door member disposed on a rear face of said air bag lid portion and pressed by an inflation pressure of said air bag body to be swung via said hinge portion to form an inflation opening in said air bag lid portion;  
wherein said hinge portion comprises a first hinge portion, and a second hinge portion disposed on a door member open-end side of said first hinge portion; and  
wherein said second hinge portion is bent in a stage where the inflation pressure of said air bag body is lower than a predetermined value to cause formation of said inflation opening to be started.
2. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, further comprising a portion defining a recess which increases an axis-to-axis distance between hinge axes of said first and second hinge portions, said recess being formed in a basal area of said first hinge portion.
3. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein said first hinge portion is tapered so as to be inclined toward a side of a fixing end of said door member in a direction along said second hinge portion in a lateral width direction of said door member.
4. (Original) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein a weakened portion is disposed in each of both sides of a door portion of said door member.

5. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein said second hinge portion is disposed in each of a center area and two side areas of said door member.

6. (Currently Amended) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein said first hinge portion ~~is designed to have~~ has a flexural rigidity greater than said second hinge portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 6, wherein said first hinge portion ~~is designed to bend~~ only bends when the inflation pressure of said air bag body is at least the predetermined value.